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FISH LANDING CENTRES IN LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated economical potential of Lakshadweep and its exclusive economic zone;

(b) the details of fish landing centres functioning in Lakshadweep during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal or a long term plan to tap the marine resources of Lakshadweep waters before the Government;

(d) if so, whether the proposed plan include creation of infrastructure proposal for value addition and exploring market potential etc.;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government proposes to announce support price for fish products especially the popular product of Lakshadweep namely Mass or smoked Tuna; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): The estimated economic potential of Lakshadweep and its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) varies from 50,000 to 90,000 tons.

(b): There are traditional fish landing centers in all the 10 inhabited islands and also in the uninhabited island of Suheli. Three modern fish landing centers at a total cost of about Rs.30 lakhs have been sanctioned for Kavaratti, Minicoy and Agatti under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme. All these fish landing centres have been functioning during the last three years.

(c)to(e): Yes, Sir. The Comprehensive Marine Fishing Policy announced by the Union Government in 2004 envisages developing the potential available in Lakshadweep islands. The Union Territory Administration has prepared an integrated perspective plan for fisheries development of Lakshadweep with the assistance of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The perspective plant for fisheries development to be implemented in three phases during the next 10 years from 2006-07 encompasses building infrastructure for fish processing facilities, value added products, production of high quality masmin, cured and dried products, waste utilization, human resource development and creation of retail outlets.

(f)&(g): No, Sir. There is no proposal before the Government to announce a support price for fish products of Lakshadweep.